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Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
P. O. Box 94275, Capitol Station
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

RE: Substitute Unit Well Request
HALL SU 81
Alternate Unit Well Request
BS SU 81
BS SU 82
BS SU 83
LISBON FIELD
Claiborne and Lincoln Parishes,
Louisiana

Dear Sir:

WHITING OIL & GAS CORPORATION ("Applicant"), hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Hall and Burgess-Simmons Sands, in the Lisbon Field, Claiborne and Lincoln Parishes, Louisiana:

HALL SAND

1. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize their Whiting - Hughes No. 1 well as a substitute unit well for HALL SU 81, in the Lisbon Field, Claiborne and Lincoln Parishes, Louisiana, said well to be at the location shown on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof.

2. To designate Whiting Oil & Gas Corporation as operator of the HALL SU 81.

3. To find that the proposed substitute unit well is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Hall Sand, underlying the unit on which it is proposed to be drilled which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well on said unit.

4. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to this application.

The Hall Sand, in the Lisbon Field, Claiborne and Lincoln Parishes, Louisiana, was fully defined in Order No. 9-C-32, effective November 1, 1962.

BURGESS-SIMMONS SAND

1. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize an alternate unit well for BS SU 81 at the location shown on the attached plat.
2. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize an alternate unit well for BS SU 82 at the location shown on the attached plat.
3. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize an alternate unit well for BS SU 83 at the location shown on the attached plat.
4. To find that each of the proposed alternate unit wells is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Burgess-Simmons Sand, underlying the units on which it is proposed to be drilled which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well on such units.
5. To permit the operator to produce the unit allowable from either the unit well, the proposed alternate unit well, or from both wells, at its option.
6. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to this application.

The Burgess-Simmons Sand, in the Lisbon Field, Claiborne and Lincoln Parishes, Louisiana, was fully defined in Order No. 9-C, effective November 10, 1945.

All pertinent data relating to the subject application is available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 N. Causeway Blvd., Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call (504) 834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the Office of Conservation can be obtained at the expense of the requesting party.

In addition to furnishing the legal notice to all Interested Parties, the applicant will provide for POSTING of the legal notice of the hearing and proposed well location plats in a prominent place in the area of the Lisbon Field, Claiborne and Lincoln Parishes, Louisiana. Also, the legal notice will be PUBLISHED in a newspaper of general circulation in the vicinity of the Lisbon Field.

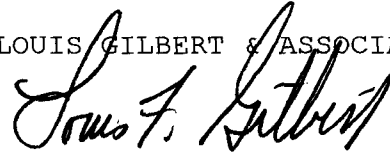
There is attached hereto and made a part hereof, a list of the names and addresses of the Interested Parties, Interested Owners and Represented Parties to whom this application is being sent. Pursuant to the Revised

Rules of Procedure, such list of parties is being furnished ONLY to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation. The aforementioned list is available upon request to any Interested Party. A diligent effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Parties, Interested Owners, and Represented Parties as required by the Revised Rules of Procedure.

There is attached hereto a check made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fees on behalf of Whiting Oil & Gas Corporation.

Very truly yours,

LOUIS GILBERT & ASSOCIATES, INC.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Louis F. Gilbert", is written over the typed name.

Louis F. Gilbert

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson, District Manger
Office of Conservation (w/attachments)

Ms. Janet DeFur
Whiting Oil & Gas Corporation (w/attachments)

Interested Parties, Interested Owners
and Represented Parties (w/plat)

